

**WASHINGTON, DC** -The Internal Revenue Service will host a special nationwide Open House on Saturday May 15 to help small businesses and individuals solve tax problems.

The Minneapolis Taxpayer Assistance Center at 250 Marquette Ave. and the St. Paul center at 30 E. Seventh St. are among approximately 200 IRS offices open May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time. IRS staff will be available on site or by telephone to help taxpayers work through their problems and walk out with solutions.

"Our goal is to resolve issues on the spot so small businesses and individuals can put any issues they have with the IRS behind them," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "If you have a problem filing or paying your taxes or resolving a tough tax issue, we encourage you to come in and work with us."

IRS locations will be equipped to handle issues involving notices and payments, return preparation, audits and a variety of other issues. At a previous IRS Open House on March 27, approximately two-thirds of taxpayers requested and received assistance with payments and notices.

So, for example, a taxpayer who cannot pay a tax balance due can discuss with an IRS professional whether an installment agreement is appropriate and, if so, fill out the paperwork then and there. Assistance with offers-in-compromise will also be available. Likewise, a taxpayer struggling to complete a certain IRS form or schedule can work directly with IRS staff to get the job done.

At the March 27 Open House, 88 percent of the taxpayers who came in for help had their issues resolved the same day.

Locations for the May 15 Open House are listed [here](#) .

The Open House on May 15 is the first of three events scheduled through the end of June. The next two are planned for Saturday, June 5 and Saturday, June 26. Details regarding those events will be available soon.